NO PAY FOR THE MESSAGES. COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION

LOSES A SUIT TO COLLECT \$34. W. H. Danvers, Defendant, Swears That the Richardson Agent Told Him It Was a Government Publication Distributed Free

The first case in which the "Committee on Distribution" of Washington, D. C., has attempted to enforce payment on an alleged written contract for "The Messages and Papers of the Presidents" obtained from a resident of New York city by one of the "members of the came up yesterday in the Second Municipal District Court, and the "committee" tis case. The suit was brought by John J. Conklin, as assignee, against William H. Danvers of 351 West Fifty-eighth street, and was for \$34, the price of the books, and costs. Justice Finn, without leaving the bench, and after bearing only the testimony of Mr. Danvers, gave judgment against the committee and its assignee. There are a great many other perons against whom the Committee on Distribution has claims, and it was declared in court after Justice Finn had made his decision that

many of these persons would refuse to pay. Mr Danvers was called to the stand by the attorneys for the plaintiff and testifled voluntarily, not having been subpænaed. The attorneys for the plaintiff exhibited in court a contract, bearing the name William H. Danvers, which the defendant was alleged to have signed. The signature resembled Mr. Danvers's closely, but he testified that he had never signed the contract. He said in all its dealings with him the Committee on Distribution had pursued peculiar methods which seemed to him o be marked by fraud and false pretence and in his answer he set up fraudulent and false pre-

Mr Danvers testified that in November he eceived a letter on note paper headed "Committee on Distribution" and bearing the names of Congressman "James D. Richardson of fennessee, Editor," and "Ainsworth R. Spofford, General Secretary." The letter-head resembled that on Government stationery. The letter informed him that he had been selected as one to whom a set of "The Messages and Papers of the Presidents" had been allotted, and that P. R. Rickard, a member of the committee, would call upon him to explain the whole matter. Mr. Danvers testified that a few days later a man called on him, presented a card with the name P. J. Rickard on it and said that he was a member of the committee on Distribution. This man explained to Mr. Danvers that the books were a Government publication. He laid on Mr. Danvers's dosk a card on which was printed the word "charges." Spofford, General Secretary." The letterword "charges." Mr. Danvers "What are these charges?" Mr. Danvers

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Those are simply the express charges," said is that the only charge there is?" Mr. Dan-

"Is that the only charge the series were asked.
"Yes," replied the agent.
Thereupon Mr. Danvers signed the card. The agent, after some general conversation, rose to go. He walked to the door and stopped. Then he returned to Mr. Danvers.
"Oh, by the way," he said, "our Mr. Spofford is a great crank on autographs. He likes all sorts of autographs, and we try to get them for him. Would you mind giving yours to him?"
The agent drew a long, narrow note book from his bocket and opened it. There were a number of signatures in the book and Mr. Danvers signed it. The agent went away.

Mr. Danvers swore that he had signed no contract such as that produced in court, and had signed nothing except the card on which he agreed to pay the express charged and the autograph album carried by the agent. He had been led to believe that he was to receive a set of books gratinitously through the generosity of the Federal Government and no idea of payment of \$33 was demanded he refused on the ground that he had never contracted the debt. He left the books in the hands of the express company.

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Charles J. O'Connell, counsel for Mr. Danvers, moved that the complaint in the case be dis-missed and judgment be entered for the de-fendant. Mr. O'Connell said he had hoped that the complainant would put Rickard on the stand to testify, in order that the whole scheme, including the use of letterheads simulating Government stationery, and all the methods pursued to force Mr. Danvers to pay a bill which he had not contracted, might have been gone into. Justice Finn dismissed the com-plaint.

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The efforts which the "Committee on Distribution" used in its attempt to force Mr. Danvers to pay involved an immense amount of correspondence, consisting largely of slightly welled threats to attack his standing as an honorable citizen. All of the letters of the "committee" were written on paper headed, "Committee" on Distribution, Messages and Papers of the Presidents, James D. Richardson, Editor, Ainsworth R. Spofford, General Secretary, "printed in Government blue ink, in type similar to that used by committees of Congress. The first letter was dated at Washington, Dec. Mr. In part, it was as follows:

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We do not know just what construction to place upon your action in not giving attention to pur several requests for payment upon your account particularly as you were recommended to us as being efficient, responsible and having the ability to meet the payments upon your obligation according to the plainly expressed language of said contract. Your nonattention to our letters and finally the refusal of the books seems to say that you do not feel morally or legally obligated to fulfil the terms of your agreement. If we had known there was any uncertainty, contingency, or that the sale was conditional, and that you did not propose to pay as you promisted, we certainly would not have shipped the books, and if you failed to advise us, and still refuse to give this matter proper attention, it is quite clear that you are not acting in the best of faith; at any rate, it is obvious that if you on not give this matter proper attention, and still assume that you have specific authority and power to terminate your indebteness at your discretion, that we are clearly justified in taking such drastication, that we are clearly justified in taking such drastications as the conditions warrant to compel and enforc the complete and specific performance of your contract. Now, I want an expression from you at one. Will you pay our Mr. C. B. Palmer, attorney!

This letter was signed by Rudolph J. Bodmer, as Treasurer of the Committee on Distribution. Its tone did not please Mr. Danvers. On Jan. 4 Bodmer wrote again, saying that a payment of E4 was due. On Feb. 27 Bodmer wrote again at great length. In this communication he said:

"We can sell the set of books providing the expense to which we have been subjected, amounting to \$9, occasioned by fulfilling our part of the contract, is paid to us. The books, however, are not received in fluudation of your indebt dness. Measures will be instituted for the express purpose of reaching your earnings if payment is not made.

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Mr. Danvers wasn't frightened. He didn't as. On March 5 he received a letter from the wiftm of Lenney & Donovan, offering to take be books back and call it square for \$10. Then in Danvers turned the case over to his lawyer. In the complaint it is alleged that Mr. Danvers made a written contract with "Ainsworth. Spofford and Rudolph J. Bodiner, doing siness under the firm name of Committee on istribution."

MACHINERY OF WARSHIPS DAMAGED. Engineer Officers.

has received reports of damage to the machinery of six naval ships—three attached to the Asiatic station and two on the Pacific coastchinist in charge and want of proper supervision by officers who are now performing both line wh was only recently placed in commission there was a smash-up in her engine room the right render overhaulting necessary when she reaches

Rear Admiral Melville, the chief of the Steam accessing Bureau, has remonstrated with the elar-ment against its policy of ordering to me duty so many officers who served as enthers prior to the passage of the Personnel Ct. which transferred them to the line. This, a holds, leaves the duty of caring for the accession of the common access to the warrant achiests, who have neither the training nor achiests, who have neither the training nor achiests, who have neither the training nor have neither the training not or such responsible posts have been made by Ad-the Navigation Bureau

Ver the engine room and its force feet the house drains, water closets, sinks, &c .-

SHE PUNCHED HER ESCORT'S NOSE. Woman Comes Angrily Out of "Sapho" After the First Act.

Just as the first act of "Sapho" at Wallack's was ended last night, a man and a woman came out of the theatre lobby to the street. The man was in evening dress and had a black mustache. The woman wore no hat, but was dressed in an evening gown and had a cape His "Autograph"—He Signed No Contract. over her shoulders. She had on a number of rings. Her nose was in the air and the man was talking to her in a very apologetic manner She walked to a hansom cab and got in. The man attempted to follow her and she pushed him back. He tried again and got another push. "All right," he said, and started to cross the

The young woman jumped out of the cab and pursued him. As he reached the car tracks she caught up and gave him a resounding box on the ear with her open hand. Then she doubled

up her fist and hit him in the nose. The rings on her fingers cut his nose and caused the

blood to run. "Oh, don't, don't," ejaculated the man and the woman ran and got into the cab again. As she did so she dropped her cape and a fiftycent piece. A newsboy handed her the mone; and Manager Burnham of the theatre handed her the cape. Then the man, who was holding a handkerchief to his nose, whispered an address to the driver and the woman departed. The man pushed his way through the crowd that had gathered and, walking to Thirty-first street, turned toward Fifth avenue.

FOR THE SERGT. DOUGLASS FUND. Andrew Carnegle Adds \$1,000-Benefits This Week and Next.

Andrew Carnegie, who sails to-day for Europe o spend most of the summer in Scotland, sent to THE SUN yesterday a check for \$1,000 with this note

'TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Please receive enclosed \$1,000 for the fund in aid of the widow and family of the late Sergt. Douglass, who fought, not for foreign conquest, but for peace and order at home. Very truly yours.

THE SUN received yesterday also \$5 for the fund from "E G." The contributions sent to THE SUN to date amount to \$1,316, and have been received from the following:

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EDWARD O. LEECH DEAD. Was Second Vice-President of the Bank of Commerce-His Career

Edward O. Leech, Second Vice-President of the National Bank of Commerce, died last he had been since April 12. Mr. Leech went to the hospital from his home at the San Remo

the hospital from his home at the San Remo Hotel, to undergo an operation for appendicitis. The operation was performed on April 13 by Dr. Arpad G. Gerster. A complication of disorders followed the operation, and in the opinion of his physicians only Mr. Leech's remarkable constitution enabled him to withstand them as long as he did.

Mr. Leech was born in Washington in 1851 and was the son of a college professor. Several of his brothers became Methodist ministers. Mr. Leech entered the Columbia University at Washington and was a graduate of the law school of that institution. He began his business career in the Treasury Department as a clerk. He was finally made an Examiner of Mints, which brought him into some prominence. He gained more prominence later when President Harrison, upon taking office, made him Director of the Mint. This place he filled until the advent of the Cleveland Administration, when he resigned.

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While Director of the Mint he was appointed one of the delegates from this country to the International Monetary Conference heid at Brussels in 1892, when the effort was made to rehabilitate silver. As Director of the Mint. Mr. Leech made several reports which attracted attention in financial circles both here and abroad. He also contributed articles for magazines which proved him to be an expert in government finance. After his resignation as Director of the Mint, Mr. Leech in 1893 became Vice President and Cashier of the National Union Bank. After the consolidation of that bank with the Bank of Commerce he accepted the latter Mr. Leech married Miss Cella Kent of Fittsburg. One son and two daughters survive him. Mr. Leech was a member of the Union League Club.

HUMAN BONES IN THE STREET. Young Finstein Was Sure That He Had Dis

Benjamin Finstein, 15 years old, of 166 Delancey street, rushed into the Fifth street police station last night and asked for Capt. Diamond. He was holding at arm's length a piamond. He was holding at arm's length a package done up in newspaper. He told the captain that he found it in front of \$2 Avenue B.

"It's filled with human bones," he said, 'and I guess I have discovered a murder."
Capt. Diamond opened the package and found that it contained a number of human bones, neatly painted with red and blue lines indicating how the muscles and veins crossed the bones when they were covered with flesh. It is likely that they came from a museum.

FINES FOR HUCKLEBERRY ROAD. Hasn't Run Cars All Night and Must-And There's a Big Bill to Pay.

A judgment of \$100 obtained by the city against the Union Railway Company as a penagainst the Union Railway Company as a pen-aity for disregarding a corporation ordinance about running cars on its line all night, at least one every twenty minutes, has been affirmed by the Appellate term of the Supreme Court in a decision written by Justice Giegerich. It ap-peared that the defendant had not been run-ning cars at all from 1:30 A. M. to 5:30 A. M. on its Westchester avenue branch. The ordinance fixes a penalty of \$100 for each violation, and only one was embraced in the suit.

WORMSER SEA-BURIAL.

Matter of Necessity.

ghany, from Kingston and other West Indian ports, said yesterday that he was practically ports, said yesterday that he was practically forced to bury at sea A. J. Wormser, who died on the outward passage.

"We were bound to a port in a tropical climate," said the captain, "and we were only forty-eight hours out when Mr. Wormser died. We had no embalming material or comms. If I had kept the body aboard without embalming, the ship would have been detained at quarantine. My authority in such a matter never has been questioned before."

Assistant Corporation Counsel Rollin M. Assistant Corporation Counsel Rollin Ma.

Morgan, to whom was assigned the duty of
codifying the ordinances of the city when the
charter went into effect, has nearly finished his
work, and as soon as all of the ordinances have
been adopted by the Municipal Assembly the
code will be published.

Steinitz Again in the Insane Asylum. William Steinitz, the veteran chess player of 155 East 103d street, was again sent to the in-sane hospital on Ward's Island yesterday,

TO BE A FOUR-DAY BOAT?

NORTH GERMAN LLOYD CO. ORDERS A MAMMOTH SHIP.

Planned to Be the Pastest of Ocean Greyhounds and Nearly Fifty Feet Longer Than Any Now Affort She Is Expected to Make at Least 24 Knots an Hour.

The four-day ocean crosser is more than a dream of the marine architect. Her precursor will soon be on the stocks, if she is not there already. What her name may be, and what may be the tremendous power in her gigantic steel hull to drive her 25-foot twin screws, will not be revealed until the summer comes. But she has been ordered from the Vulcan Shipbuilding Company of Stettin by the North German Lloyd Line, and within two years she will be on the route between Bremen and Southampton and New York.

The agents of the line here know very little about her except that she will be 752 feet long, and that she is designed to be faster than the Deutschland of the Hamburg-American Line, a twenty-three knotter that will be seen for the first time in this port next month. The Deutschland is guaranteed by her builders, the Vulcan Company, to average at least twenty-three knots on the voyage from Southampton, Cherbourg or Plymouth to Sandy Hook. That means that she will readily beat the record of the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, which is five days, seventeen hours and twenty-seven minutes.

It has become almost an axiom among shipping folks that whenever one of the German lines builds a record-breaker the other line will make an effort to have something better. The competition is so keen between the Teutons that the British lines have practically dropped out of the contest to hold the trident on com-

mercial seas Only hints of what the new ship may be can be gathered now. Her horse-power will be 40,000 or more. She will develop at least twenty-four knots an hour, and that means that she will cover the route from Queenstown to Sandy Hook, about 2,780 knots, in four days, twenty hours and a fraction. The best voyage on that route, made by the Lucania of the Cunard Line, is five days, seven hours and twenty-three minutes. Over the route of 3,050 knots from Southampton to Sandy Hook the new unnamed spaceannihilator, going at the rate of twenty-four knots an hour would make this port in five days and about seven hours.

After the great ship is in service we may expect to hear that the Hamburg-American Line has another colossus under way, designed to make, maybe, twenty-five knots an hour. This will somewhat confuse the nautical prophets, who have been declaring for the last several years that the order of the future on commercial seas would be big ships of great cargo capacity and moderate speed. The prophets who are not nautical say look out for the 1,000foot liner of thirty knots.

INSURGENTS ABOUT COLON.

Colombian Rebels Threatened the Town When the Steamer Fulton Sailed.

NEW ORLEANS, May 1 -The steamship Fulton, Capt. Jacobson, of the United Fruit Company's Line, arrived here this morning direct from Colon and brought details of the capture of Bocas del Toro, Colombia, by the insurgents. The Fulton left Bocas just as the revolutionists entered the town and bore despatches from the Government commander cailing on the authorities at Colon to send reinforcements at once. The commander at Coin offered to send troops on the Fulton, but Capt. Jacobson declined to use his vessel as a transport.

When the Fulton reached Colon on April 19 that town was still in the possession of the Gove

that town was still in the possession of the Gov-ernment forces, but the situation was critical Some 300 insurgents were quartered in the neighboring town of David and 800 were in the mountains back of Colon and were expected hourly to attack the place. In spite of this the ble part of his garrison to Bocas del Toro

CAPT. CHADWICK REPRIMANDED.

cism of Bear Admiral Schley. WASHINGTON, May 1. Secretary Long has written a letter to Capt F. E. Ghadwick, reprimanding him for his criticisms of Rear Admiral Schley. After a careful study of the navai regulations the Department officials were convinced that it was no offence against naval discipline for an officer to criticise another officer in a private conversation with a friend. The published, however, made it necessary for the published, however, made it necessary for the Department to take some action, and in the interest of discipline the letter of reprimand has been written. The Department takes the ground that there were extenuating circumstances in Capt. Chadwick's case which forbid the employment of harsher measures. He acknowledged having made, in substance, the remarks attributed to him in the published interview, but denied that they were intended for publication. This explanation was accepted by the Secretary of the Navy. No further action will be taken in the case.

PHILADELPHIA "TIMES" SOLD.

May Oppose Quay. F. Kindred, special agent of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company is at the head of a lot of State politicians who have purchased the property. Who those associated

chased the property. Who those associated with him are is not known.

Mr. Kindred has had some trouble lately with State Insurance Commissioner Durham and other local Quay leaders, and it is presumed that the intention is to discipline them. In an editorial to morrow the Times will say that it will support the Republican party and the present financial system. It makes no mention of the McKinley Administration. As to State politics it says that power has been too long in the hands of one man and it will afight to end this personal domination. The price paid for the property approximates \$1,200,000.

STANDARD OIL RAISES WAGES.

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to Employees in West Virginia. nen employed by the Standard Oil Company in West Virginia went to work this morning they found themselves confronted with a notice which informed them that beginning May 1 they would receive an increase in wages. The increase will be based on ten hours pay for nine hours work and men working in shifts of twelve hours each will receive an increase of 10 per cent. The Standard Oll Company employs more men than any other corporation doing business in the State and the increase will affect several thousand men and boys.

LET CRANBERRY, N. J., BEWARE.

Warning Sent Way Out to San Francisco of What Is in Store for the New Jersey Town. SAN FRANCISCO, May 1. The town of Cranberry, N. J., evidently has a crank who will bear watching. A letter was received to-day by Chief of Police Sullivan, bearing at the head of the sheet a skull and crossbones done in red ink with a paint brush. The letter reads as follows: "T shall make matters exceedingly warm for this town of Cranberry, N. J. "Cranberry, N. J." WILFRED J. R. GROVER.

Tons of Silver Dollars for China. EL PASO, Tex., May 1 -The Wells-Fargo Express Company is doing a big business in the transportation of Mexican silver dollars this week. On Sunday evening the company brought 8,000 pounds of coin from Mexico City and last night it had another shipment of 10,000 pounds. The money goes to Hongkong, China.

THE BEARS WOULDN'T BE SEPARATED. 137 DEAD IN A UTAH MINE. Philadelphia Police Put Them in Separate

Cells and Are Serry for It. PHILADELPHIA, May 1 .- The police of Northwest Philadelphia station are sorry now that they arrested two Italians and two tame bears this afternoon. The Italians, with an organ and the pair of bears came down the Lancaster pike and started to perform near the station. There is an ordinance against organ grinders having bears unmuzzled in the city limits, and so half a dozen patrolmen went out and captured the quartette. The men were Icar Boptista and John Boncol; the bears were slated as Frank and Jennie Bear. the Italians saw that the bears were to be put in separate cells they jabbered out a protest but they were roughly silenced. The bears had been sleeping together for years and had gotten into the habit. It was not long before Frank started to growl, and Jennie growled in sympathy. This brought no relief and Frank lost his temper. He grasped the bars in his paws, pushed, twisted and shook them, in spite of a stream of water that was played on him, and suddenly the front of the cell dropped out. With a roar of triumph the enraged animal started for the policemen and drove them into the sergeant's room. It clawed at the door of this until it was spoiled and then walked back, tore out two of the bars in front

NEW SOURCE OF X-RAYS.

at least \$100 to repair the damage.

A Discovery Believed to Be of the Greatest Importance to Surgeons.

of Jennie's cell, slipped in and peacefully lay

down beside her and went to sleep. It will cost

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 1 .- Prof. Trowbridge, director of the Jefferson Physical Laboratory, has perfected a new method of obtaining x-rays. Heretofore, the currents of electricity used in making photographs have been fluctuating, making the pictures of uncertain value to surgeons. Prof. Trowbridge has succeeded in getting a steady current and the pictures taken by his system are remarkable for the clear and distinct outlines of the muscles and bones of the subject. From all appearances the discovery will be of the greatest use to surgeons and in the study of anatomy.

MEANT TO DROWN, AND DROWNED. Wouldn't Grab Life Preservers and Evaded Boathooks.

A man with a dingy black coat, dusty trousers and a shabby brown hat walked out to the end of the pier at the foot of West Fifty-second street last evening, looked at the river for a moment or two and then jumped out into the

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Several men on the pier ran to the end and shouted. Policeman McCormick joined them. The tugboats Boice and E. L. Austin ran in from the middle of the river. They were in time to see the man rise to the surface for the third time.

The crews of the tugboats threw life preservers to him and yelled at thim to take hold. He shook his head. He did not so much as reach out his hands toward the life preservers. The tugs closed in on him and made for him with boathooks. He dodged the boathooks and sank for good and all. His hat floated off on the water.

water.

Peter Moran of 552 West Fifty-second street ished the body out of the river near the pier at 9 o'clock last night. It was taken to the West Forty-seventh street police station. In one of the pockets was found a card of the Vanderbilt clinic bearing the name John Encson or Ericson and the address, almost indecipherable, apparantly a Lexington avenue, where the man is ly 6 Lexington avenue, where the man is known. He was about 35 years old.

MILK FAMINE IN SYRACUSE. The Dairymen Carry Out Their Threat to

Boycott the City. STRACUSE, May 1 .- The milk consumers of the city are beginning to experience the hardby the refusal of dairymen to take out licenses granted only on conditions that their herds be subjected to the tuberculin test. Less than 1,000 quarts of milk were delivered to consumers kept a stock on hand for sale over the counter.

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None of the few pediers who have complied with the ordinance was interfered with, though each one took the precaution to have an exirman on the wagon in case of violence.

Policemen were stationed on the principal streets leading into the city to prevent the entrance of non-licensed pediers. None of these, however, attempted to come in. Several drove to the city line and sold milk to such as came after it. At a meeting of the dairymen this afternoon this course was forbidden to members of the association, who were also forbidden to sell at their farms, except to purchasing agents of the hospitals or persons in special distress. A committee was appointed by the Dairymen's Association to patrol the region surrounding the city and see that the boycott was lived up to. Grocers did a large business in the sale of condensed milk, other preparations of milk and infant foods.

Neither side shows any indication of giving in, and according to the outlook the present situation promises to continue indefinitely. The health authorities are now talking about prosecuting the dairymen for conspiracy to "hold up" a food product, but the dairymen regard this as a bluff.

VALUABLE MARE BREAKS HER NECK.

From a Trestle at Meadow Brook. HEMPSTEAD, L. I., May 1. The hunter, Miss

Brown, owned by Harry Bull, broke her neck at the Meadow Brook Club to-day. Last week which Col. Alexander K. McClure has been associated since its establishment in 1875, has sociated since its establishment in 1875, has long Island Railroad track, which at this point is on a high embankment. The horses broke is on a high embankment. she, with other horses, was turned out for the loped up the embankment on the track. They ran along the track a short distance and the others crossed over and went down the other side. Miss Brown, however, kept on until she reached a trestle which spans the road leading from the clubhouse to Westbury. Several times she lost her footing but kept on and was nearly across when she stumbled and went headfirst to the road below. She was killed instantly.

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The other horses galloped off and were finally caught inear Wheatley. Mr Bull will hold the railroad company liable, as the embankment is not fenced in. Miss Brown was a gray mare by Barrett and was 7 years old. James L. Kernochan bought her from Sam Allen as a three-year-old and Mrs Kernochan rode her to hunts for two seasons. Raiph N. Ellis then bought her and last year he sold her to Mr. Bull for \$3,000. In 1888 she won the blue ribbon in the green hunter class in Madison Square Garden.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.-It leaked out to-day that Dr. J. Radford Fearn of Oakland, Cal., was secretly married on March 10 to Miss Mary Micklethwaite, a young English woman visiting here. She is a cousin of Cecil Rhodes. A week after the marriage the bride left for England, where the doctor expects to meet her in October. Two years ago Dr. Fearn was divorced from his wife, but this divorce would not satisfy English laws, so the marriage was arranged here.

Comptroller Coler, as Treasurer of the Mayor's fund for the relief of the homeless persons of Ottawa and Hull, received the following contributions yesterday: P. J. Mathers, \$5. John Chandler, \$5. Malcom & Combe, \$50: H. Kohnstant Co., \$25. Alexander Stott, \$5. Orin S. Wood, \$10: R. T. Mathews, \$25; B. H. O'Hare, \$1. A Canadian Girl, \$2: James J. Coogan, \$100: Thomas S. Basford, \$25. Total to date, \$783.25.

Hook yesterday and witnessed some sub-caliber processing and witnessed some sub-callier practice with 8, 10 and 12-inch guns. The tests were described as satisfactory. He also inspected some new gun carriages and later went to Fort Wadsworth. Here a trial test was made of two electrical systems for moving big guns in their emplacements. These tests, Gen. Miles.

Most Exclusive Watering Place in America is Richfield Springs, on Lackawanna Railroad. Fine train service. Hotels unrivaled. A gay summer resort.—Ade.

THAT NUMBER OF BODIES REMOVED AND MORE TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR.

More Than 150 Men Were at Work in the Winter Quarters Coal Mine at Scofield When an Explosion Occurred Among Kegs of Blasting Powder-Progress of the Rescue Work.

SALT LAKE, Utah, May 1 .- An explosion occurred at 10 o'clock this morning in the Winter Quarters coal mine at Scoffeld, a hundred miles south of this city, and probably one hundred and fifty miners were killed and many more injured. The bodies of 137 miners have been brought out and the work of rescue is going on. The mine explosion is believed to have been caused by the blowing up of a number of kegs of blasting powder, but the point at which the initial explosion took place is not yet known.

The scene before the mouths of the tunnels is pitiful, as usual in mining disasters, the weeping women and children waiting to see each man brought out of the mine on a stretcher. The bodies of twenty miners were brought out early in the day and placed upon the ground awaiting identification.

More than 150 miners are known to have gone to work this morning. There is are in great danger. hardly a doubt but that every miner in No. 1 shaft was killed, for that particular shaft was filled with smoke, dust and debris. Miners from Clear Creek have been summoned and all possible assistance in the rescue work is being

The loss to the Pleasant Valley Coal Company is great, but the extent will not be positively known for some time. The officials of the coal company are doing their best to save any who may be alive in the mine.

There is much confusion at the mine and all sorts of reports are coming in. Scofield is on the Rio Grande Western Railroad, near Colton. Among the known dead are Roger Davis,

Jack Wilson, S. T. Evans, Pete Crockett, John Anderson James Wilson, Will Wilstead, Andrew Haddow and son. A later report says that Thomas Hunter and

his two sons are among the dead brought out. The explosion is now supposed to have oc curred in No. 4 and extended by connection to No. 1. Those in No. 1 are choked, those in No. 4 burned and scarred The work of removing the dead and injured

was still going on late to-night. The injured are few compared to the dead. Two hundred coffins have been ordered.

ARREST AFTER MANY FIRES.

Small Boy With Matches Said to Have Been Seen at Five of Them.

Six fires in Harlem last night called out detectives as well as firemen. At 6:30 o'clock it was a lot of rubbish in the basement at 152 East 129th street. At 6:55 o'clock a false alarm came from 125th street and Third avenue. At 7:30 rubbish in the basement of the five-story brick tenement, 255 East street was afire. When this fire had been put out another was found

building before the firemen did and saw two boys come out of the basement. One proved that he lived in the house and was let go. The other told a lot of stories and had a pocketful of matches. When the firemen arrived, Capt. Lawler of 14 Truck declared that he had seen the same boy at every fire that evening.

The police put the boy under arrest and sent him to the Gerry society for the night. He said that he was Edgar Whalen, 13 years old, of 201 East 118th street, and that his father was a retired cantain of the Fire Department.

At 9:30 o'clock there was another fire in the basement of the tenement at 2333 Second avenue. A number of the tenants at 242 East 109th street went to the police last night and asked that Mrs. Augusta Ravell, 35 years old, another tenant, be arrested. They said that she had set her rooms on fire four times in the afternoon.

Mrs. Ravell was locked up.

EDITOR AND ALDERMAN SHOOT. Street Fight at Jacksonville Over a Contest for a Franchise.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 1.—The fight be tween the Plant system and the Atlantic, Valdosta and Western Railway to obtain new franchises for street railways here resulted to-day in a shooting affray in the street between C. W. Stanzell, Alderman from the Seventh Ward, and A. W. Williamson, publisher of the Florida Journal. Stanzell was badly wounded in the back, while Williamson re-ceived a severe wound in the thigh.

The contest for the franchises has been hot.
On Sunday Williamson's paper had an editorial
accusing Stanzell and another Alderman of accepting bribes. Stanzell was called "thief and

cepting bribes. Stanzell wound up with bribe taker," and the editorial wound up with bribe taker," and the editorial wound up with this:

"If these charges were made against an honorable man it would mean a funeral."

Whilamson to-day rode up in front of the Post Office on Forsyth street on his bicycle. Stanzell suddenly appeared, knocked him off his bicycle and fired three shots at him Williamson arose, drawing his revolver, and Stanzell fied across the street. Williamson fired and the first shot struck Stanzell in the back. Stanzell is said to be in a critical condition, Williamson's wound, while painful and severe, is not dangerous.

WANTS TO WED AT 74.

Wealthy Miss Pierce's Relatives Try to Prevent

Her Marriage to a Young Man. BOSTON, May I .- Miss Louise Pierce of Newton who is 74 years old and wealthy, and Charles Hall Barnes, 32 years old, a resident of Boston, applied for a marriage license to-day. Assistant Registrar Rideout did not grant the license, although he d d not actually refuse to issue one Later in the day the couple again visited the old Court House building, but Mr. Rideout had in the meantime communicated with the New-

in the meantime communicated with the Newton Chief of Police and also with a relative by marriage of the would-be bride. Both persons asked him to be very careful about granting the certificate.

When Dr. Shea of the Board of Health attempted to ask Miss Pierce a few questions, Dr. Barnes hurriedly led her out to a carriage and drove away. To every question asked by Mr. Rideout Miss Pierce had one answer: "I came here to meet Dr. Barnes," although that person was standing beside her.

A week ago Barnes secured a marriage license in West Newton, but owing to the fact that he gave his place of residence as "Boston" another license was necessary from this city before the ceremony could be legally performed. Friends of the woman have tried to prevent her matrimonal venture, but without success. She has known Barnes only a short time and is said to be worth \$150,000.

WOODS SEARCHED FOR A GIRL. 17-Year-Old Carrie Watson Last Seen as She Started to Drive Home.

PHILADELPHIA, May 1. - There is a party of

farmers searching the woods in the vicinity of Bridgeton, N. J., for the body of Carrie Watson, a seventeen-year-old girl who disappeared on Monday afternoon and who, it is feared, has been murdered by tramps. She lived at Jericho with David Murray. She left the house yesterwith David Murray. She left the house yester-day in good spirits to go to the Post Office at Bridgeton. She arrived there, got the mull and made some purchases at the store. In the evening the horse walked into the yard with the buggy, but the girl was missing. There were no evidences of a struggle and the purchased articles were on the bottom of the vehicle. The girl was well contented at Mur-ray's and there is no known reason why she should have gone away voluntarily.

SIX VILLAGES DESTROYED.

Others in Peril From Michigan Forest Fires

MARINETTE, Wis., May 1.-Six villages in northern Michigan, just across the State line have now been wiped out by forest fires, while others are in great danger. Those destroyed are: Ames, Nathan, Tabor, Gardner, Swanzee and Arnold-all on the Wisconsin and Michigan Railroad. The inhabitants were all saved, special trains being run to their aid.

The fires are reported to be the flercest north of Fisher, Mich. Railroad traffic north of Fisher is entirely cut off and no news comes from the fire-swept district except such as is prought in by burned-out farmers. Scores lumber camps have been destroyed and the losses to the lumber industries will be heavy In addition, thousands of acres of valuable timber tracts have been fire-swept, entailing great losses. A Soo passenger train which left here on Sun-

day evening had a remarkably close escape from being burned. It got hemmed in between two patches of burning forest, and it required the greatest efforts of the crew and passengers to get it out. The train, badly scorched reached Faithorn early this morning. Menom ince, Mich., reports that a train came in from the north for the first time in two days this morning. The coaches were scorched and blistered, Passengers reported fires fifty miles up the road.

Much alarm is felt for many small towns. At Quinesee the Kimberly and Clark paper mills

GALLANT LIEUT. MARTIN. He Dives Into the Sea at Sandy Hook and

He Dives Into the Sea at Sandy Hook and Saves a Little Girl.

Lieut. Edward H. Martin of the Fifth United States Artiliery, while standing at the end of the long pier at Sandy Hook yesterday afternoon, heard a splash and saw Alma Simpson, the three-year-old daughter of William Simpson, a life saver of the Sandy Hook station, struggling in the water. She had fallen in while leaning over the string piece. The Lieutenant dived overboard after the girl and came up with her. He swam to the pier and clung to a pile ten minutes before John Rice and John Glass, old Sandy Hook fishermen, procured a rope which they lowered to him. He tied little Alma to it, and the men hoisted her up. The Lieutenant was cheered by the crowd that gathered to watch the rescue.

GIRL BRIDE SPIRITED AWAY.

Her Jewish Father Sues to Have Her Marriage to a Christian Boy Anualled.

Michael W. Kessel, the nineteen-year-old son of Adam Kessel, a saloon keeper of 7 Debevoise street, Williamsburg, has been trying for a month to find his sixteen-year-old bride, Lilliam. She is the daughter of Louis Levy, a clothier at Broadway and Park avenue. The Levya are Hebrews and Kessel is a Christian. He is employed in his brother's printing office. He met Lillian about a year ago. On the night of April 1 they went to the rectory of the Episconeral Humboldt street, and were married by the Rev Samuel Bailey. Kessel enjoined his bride and the witnesses to the marriage to secreey until he had a hone prepared for her. The

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until he had a home prepared for her. The
girl, however, was so elated over her marriage
that she confided it to her mother on the next
day. The father learned of it and then the girl
disappeared.

Papers were served on Kessel vesterday in a

had been put out another was found in the house at 262 across the street. The firemen had some difficulty in extinguishing this, but the damage was slight.

An hour later an alarm called the department to 2386 Second avenue between 122d and 123d streets. On the first floor is the stove store of Adolph Fuchs. The fire was in a lot of barrels in the basement. Detective Maher got to the

HER BAG OF TREASURE GONE.

Mother and Robbing Her of \$70,000. Thomas Neven, a seventeen-year-old boy, who is accused of having robbed his widowed mother. Mrs. M. J. Neven, of gold nuggets, diamonds and valuable papers said to represent \$70,000 after attempting to poison her in her apartments at 290 Illinois street last night. The boy is believed to have eloped with a woman of 28. The woman is missing and was last seen with Neven at the Grand Trunk station on Monday night, when they purchased two tickets for Montreal. Mrs. Neven was ill last night and her sons volunteered to make some tea for her. She drank it and fell into a stupor from which she did not recover till 4 o'clock this morning. When she awoke she missed a valise which she says contained negotiable paper worth \$40,000, several pounds of gold dust and nuggets she picked up at Cape Nome last year and jewelry enough to swell the value of the bag's contents to \$70,000. She reported the matter to the police and they traced the boy and woman to the railway station. woman of 2s. The woman is missing and was

OUR REQUEST DENIED BY COREA

Reported Refusal to Grant Mining Concessions -J. Sloat Fassett's Trip. Special Cable Desputch to THE SUN YOKOHAMA, May 1 .- Advices from Seoul, Corea, say that the Corean Government has refused to accede to a request from the United States for mining concessions.

J. Sloat Fassett arrived here from Liverpool aboard the White Star liner Oceanic, on April 11. He left San Francisco sixteen months ago to look after mining interests in Corea. He painted the Corean kingdom in glowing colors, saying there was a fine opportunity there for enterprising Americans who were not afraid to compete with hustling Germans and English.

MAYOR GOING ON VACATION.

Journey, and That Makes Trouble. Mayor Van Wyck said at the meeting of the Board of Estimate yesterday that he was going out of town to-day to be some some time. He didn't tell where he was going, and Comptroller Coler solemnly remarked that the Mayor was probably going on his wedding frip. Thereupon a large number of reporters were sent out to get the details and pictures of the bride, and one was sent to watch the Mayor and follow him.

LARGEST PERSONAL ASSESSMENT. C. Vanderbilt Estate Is Down in the Tax

Books for \$5.000,000. The largest assessment of personal property on the tax books this year is that of the estate of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt, which is put down at \$8,000,000. There is no assessment of William Waldorf Astor, he having become a British subject since last year when he was assessed for \$2,000,000. Mr. Astor is now fighting this assessment in the courts.

ROBERTS JURY DISAGREES.

Out Nearly Twenty-four Hours and Could Not Decide on the Polygamist's Guilt. SALT LAKE, Utah, May 1 .- The jury in the case of Brigham H. Roberts, on trial for unlawful cohabitation with Dr. Maggie Shipp Roberts while his legal wife Sarah Louise Roberts is living, disagreed after being out nearly twenty-four hours and was discharged. No time has been set for a retrial of the case. Seven of the eight jurymen were Mormons and an acquittal

or disagreement was expected.

miliarly known as "Fatty Daly," a well-known horseman of this city, died at his home on the Mile Square road last night after an illness of three weeks. Up to the time he was taken sick he weighed over four hundred pounds. His recent three weeks illness reduced him very greatly. His silment was organic heart trouble. His wife and six children survive him.

O'Netll's Sale of Garden Hose And Furnishings for Summer Homes begins to-day. See their advertisement. 6th Ave., 20th to 21st St.

PRICE TWO CENTS. BUFFALO STRIKE GROWS.

MEN OF OTHER ROADS JOIN THE

NEW YORK CENTRAL STRIKERS.

Car Repairers of the Lackawanna and Nickel Plate Shops Quit Work-Erie and Lehigh Men Will Quit if To-day's Conference Falls - Brotherhood of Trainmen Meet Strikes in Many Parts of the Country.

BUFFALO, May 1 .- No one in Buffalo expects settlement of the Central strike to result from the conference with Supt. Waitt at the Iroquois to-morrow. The strikers feel so encouraged by the willingness of other employees to join them that they may not consider a compromise. The leaders believe the Central is trying to gain time and means to contest the issue. This afternoon, without consulting the officials of their order, the car repairers at the Delaware, Lackswanna and Western and Nickel Plate shops out work. The news reached the men in the Eric and Lehigh shops and they sent a request to headquarters to be ordered out. They were told to stay at work until after the conference. The Lackawanna shops employ 550 men. Some New York Central cars were sent to the shope this afternoon, and the repairers marched out The same cause led to the strike of the 150 men at the Nickel Plate shops. The Erie and Lehigh officials have failed to answer the demands of their car repairers for the same scale of wages as the Central men ask, so the men are eager to participate in the strike, and undoubtedly will

quit the moment Waitt's conference fails. The strike was the subject of a meeting of Brotherhood of Trainmen this afternoon. At the close of the session it was announced that

STRIKE IN BUILDING TRADES.

Carpenters, Painters and Decorators Demand an Eight-Hour Day. UTICA, N. Y., May 1.-Three hundred and fifty union carpenters and ninety-five union painters and decorators in this city struck this morning for a reduction of the working day

morning for a reduction of the working day from nine to eight hours.

The carpenters at present receive 25 cents an hour for nine hours' work a day and they demand 35 cents an hour for eight hours a day. The bosse carpenters have offered 36 cents an hour for eight hours a day. The painters and decorators ask to have the working day reduced from nine to eight hours at the same pay, \$2.50 per day. The bosses have offered 36 cents an hour, or \$2.46 for a day of eight hours, 10 cents less than the demand.

The demands of the masons, bricklayers and plasterers, the plumbers and the tinsmiths, it is understood, have been granted by the bosses. The various other unions in the Building Trades Council have also arrived at an agreement with the bosses.

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ALEANY, May 1.—Sixty union plumbers and 400 journeymen carpenters struck to-day, the former for \$3.50 a day of eight hours and the carpenters for 35 cents an hour and an eighthour day. To-night a number of boss carpenters signed the agreement to comply with their men's demands and sixty carpenters will return to work to-morrow.

BREWERY STRIKE IN BOSTON.

Fear That 1,100 Men May Quit Work to Enforce the Demand of Fighty Engineers. BOSTON. May 1.- The brewery engineers were ordered to strike this afternoon by committee from the Central Labor Union. This was done in the face of the unanimous vote of the Boston Brewers' Association to submit the matter to the State Board of Arbitration for settlement. At present only about tion for settlement. At present only about eighty men have quit work, but it is feared that the strike fever will spread to other unions among the brewery employees and that by to-morrow 1.100 men will strike in support of the demands of the engineers. Secretary Huse of the Brewers' Association said this evening that the strike was an injustice not only to the brewers but also to the engineers. The brewers, he said, were willing to submit to arbitration and the engineers were satisfied with their wages and hours but the local branch of the International Union of Steam Engineers outvoted the brewery engineers on the question of striking.

tion of striking MAY DAY FIGHT AT CLEVELAND.

Non-Union Men Attacked - Bollermakers Strike for Higher Wages. CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 1.—May Day here was marked by a fight between union and non-union men at the Big Four railway bridge, in course of construction at Columbus and Leonard streets. The fight was caused by the refusal of streets. The fight was caused by the refusal of the non-union men to quit work. No one was seriously hurt. A number of small strikes occurred. Three hundred boilermakers struck for an advance of 25 cents a day for all men. The iron moulders will quit work on Thursday to decide whether or not to strike. The Bohemian bakers struck to-day for shorter hours and increased wages. The granite cutters easily secured their demands for an eight-hour work day and a minimum wage scale of \$3 & day from their employers.

FEW STRIKES IN PHILADELPHIA. The Demands of Workmen Generally Granted

by Their Employers. PHILADELPHIA, May 1—There is little pros-pect that much time will be lost by workmen because of strikes in this city. About three thousand men, associated with the organizathousand men, associated with the organizations in the Allied Building Trades, were unable to come to an agreement with their employers and they refused to work to-day.
There were no disturbances, though, and the
employers are generally granting the demands
of the men for increases of pay and shorter
hours of work. The prospect is that the majority of the strikers will be at work to-morrow. There was no indication of a strika
among the men working on the convention hall.
They have the increased pay they demanded.

STRIKE ON B. & O. SOUTHWESTERN. Trackmen Want Higher Pay-Three Thousand

Men May Be Involved. SEYMOUR, Ind , May 1 Two hundred section James Daly Dead Weighed 400 Pounds.

YONKERS, N. Y., May 1.—James Daly, faRailroad struck to-day and are demanding \$1.50 a day, instead of \$1.15 Since the work of rebuilding the road began a good many extra gangs have been employed and it is said that 3,000 men may eventually be involved in the strike. The may here say that the matter of an advance of wages was presented to the officers of the road a month

an up-to-date train in every respect between New York and Chicago every day at 5:30 P. M. via New York Central Pullman Sleeping Cars from New York to Chicago via Lake Shore Route, and to St. Louis via Big Four Route, making close connection for Kansas City. No excess fare to St. Louis—Acc.